

# Media Advisory

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## WATERCOLORS BY COACH PAUL DIETZEL

### LSU Coach for the 1958 National Champion Football Team

Secretary of State W. Fox McKeithen proudly announces the opening of a new exhibition at the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum, *Watercolors by Coach Paul Dietzel*. The exhibit will be on view from April 17, through May 15, 2005, with an opening reception on Sunday, April 17, from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. The reception and exhibit viewing will be free and open to the public on Sunday.

The exhibit includes 39 vibrant, expressive and explosive watercolors. The themes begin with a large variety of scenes: *Monument Moments*, *Down to the Sea*, *On Watch in the Atrium*, *In Old Siena*, and *Musing*. These dynamic examples of Coach Dietzel's work interpret scenes from his experiences and reflections of his life. There will also be animal topics: *Just Holding On*, and *Cutie*, as well as birds: *Twin Chickadees*, *Evening Grosbeak*, and *Louisiana Yellow Fellow*, and *The Fuzzies*. There will be other subjects such as flowers, *Barrel Full* and *3's No Crowd* and barn scenes -- *Grandfather's Barn*, *Grandfather Watches*, and *Carolina Barn*. The paintings are dated from 2003 through 2005.

Coach Paul F. Dietzel was the LSU coach in 1958 who led the football team to its first national championship. This team was, and still is, the only undefeated football team in LSU history. Dietzel was a young man when he came to LSU. His career in organized athletics spans more than half a century, during which time he assumed roles as player, as assistant coach, as head coach, as director of athletics, and as conference commissioner. "Coach", as he is fondly known by players, friends, and admirers, considers each of these roles as 'bases' he has touched upon during his lifelong involvement in athletics.

"On each base, my experiences have been richly rewarding; but honors, clippings, and achievements, all eventually fade away. Only three things remain...an abiding faith in God, deep love and dependence upon my wife and family, and good friends."

Coach Paul F. Dietzel, 2005

Coach Dietzel's friend, Tom Contine, is the curator of the exhibition. Tom, former Director of the Jack & Priscilla Andonie Museum, part of the LSU Alumni Association, designed "Celebrating LSU Athletics: A Salute to all those who have Brought Honor, Fame, and Glory to LSU", an exhibition that will open at the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum on August 28, 2005.

The Louisiana State Exhibit Museum is under the administration of Secretary of State W. Fox McKeithen. Museum hours are Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 12:00 noon until 4:00 p.m. Admission fees apply. All scheduled school tours are free